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RE: Patent Application No.: 09/432,904
Filing Date: 11/2/1999
First Named Inventor: Cesar Z. Lina
Art Unit: 3764
Confirmation No.: 1761
Examiner: DeMille, Danton D.
Our File No.: PUL.504E.US

Message: Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed for filing is the following:

Fee Transmittal for FY 2005 (in duplicate for accounting purposes);
Transmittal Form;
Amendment and Response to Office Action Dated October 4, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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| Design Filing Fee | 350 | 175 | |
| Plant Filing Fee | 550 | 275 | |
| Reissue Filing Fee | 790 | 395 | |
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| Each claim over 20 | 18 | 9 |
| Each independent claim over 3 | 88 | 44 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 300 | 150 |
| For Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent | 18 | 9 |
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| 3-month extension of time | 980 | 490 | |
| 4-month extension of time | 1,530 | 765 | |
| 5-month extension of time | 2,080 | 1,040 | |
| Information disclosure stmt. fee | 180 | 180 | |
| 37 CFR 1.17(q) processing fee | 50 | 50 | |
| Non-English specification | 130 | 130 | |
| Notice of Appeal | 340 | 170 | |
| Filing a brief in support of appeal | 340 | 170 | |
| Request for oral hearing | 300 | 150 | |
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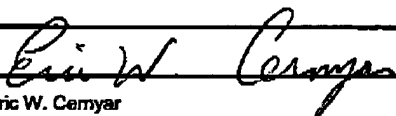
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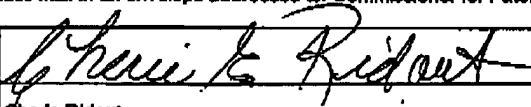
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| | Art Unit | 3784 |
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